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MISSOURIANS.

A Soldier's Revenge.

The decree of the French convention, that one third of the officers of the army should be named by the government, was very ill received by the troops, who saw in it a new infringement on that liberty which they had bought at the expense of so many crimes; and what rendered the measure still more disgusting to them was, that the officers thus named, who were the minions of some great men, were in most cases very unfit for the situation which favor, not merit, had procured them.

It was during this epoch that Charles La Croix, a young man of good family, was named to the captaincy of a regiment stationed in Provence. His appointment was peculiarly disagreeable to the officers of that regiment, because they were all extremely attached to their first lieutenant; they had joined unanimously in recommending him to the convention for the vacant company, which, to say the truth, he well merited, by the services he had rendered his country; services of which his scars presented abundant testimonials. The officers espoused his cause with more than common eagerness, and it was determined, *men con,* to make unusually short work with the intruder. La Croix presented himself at the colonel's house, wholly unsuspecting of the persecution which awaited him. The officer had need of all his prejudices against the new comer to persist in the resolution he had formed of receiving him very coldly. He was a noble looking youth of about twenty-two, whose handsome manly countenance was rendered extremely prepossessing by a blended expression of frankness, bravery, and benevolence.

"I hope, sir," cried he, in an austere voice, "you will pay proper attention to the duties of your command; and that you will not attempt to introduce into my regiment the vices of Paris."

"Colonel," replied the young man, with an ingenuous blush, "I trust that you will have reason to be satisfied with me. I shall endeavor to follow the example of my comrades, and I hope my efforts to obtain their regard, will obtain for me the benefit of their advice, which I am certain I must, from my inexperience, have great need of."

"Sir," replied the colonel, roughly, "you would have acted more wisely, if you had acquired the experience you must be so much in want of, before you took upon yourself the command of a company. Look at your first lieutenant, and judge how painful it must be to see himself commanded by one of your age, a mere novice in a profession of which he is a thorough master."

"I feel the truth of all your observations," replied La Croix, in a modest but firm tone, "but do me the justice, sir, to believe that I am not here by my own choice. I would gladly have contented myself with an inferior rank, but my patron thought it beneath him to solicit any thing under a captaincy. If, however, colonel, you find my inexperience renders me unfit for the duties of my post, I shall certainly resign it."

The colonel turned his back upon him without reply. La Croix then addressed himself to Valmont, the first lieutenant, and begged him to present him to his brother officers. "You are old enough to present yourself, sir," was the answer, delivered in the most disoligging tone. It brought a blush of anger into the young man's face, but recollecting himself, and perceiving no friendly expression in any countenance around him, he bowed and retired.

Next day, according to the usual custom, he called on each of the officers. They had expected his visit, and they took their measures accordingly. He heard the mortification to hear them tell their servants, "one after another, in a tone evidently meant for him, the parade with not at home." They met him at the parade with averted or insolent looks; no one returned his civilities or even answered his questions. If at the coffee house he proposed a game of billiards, he was refused; and directly after, another was accepted, without the slightest apology being made to him.

For some time La Croix endured this treatment in silence, but to judge from the expression of his elegant countenance, not without feeling very severe mortification; particularly when one stranger, who was playing at billiards with Valmont at the coffee house, asked his opinion on a doubtful point of the game, and just as he was about to give it, Valmont interrupted him by exclaiming, "I protest against that gentleman's opinion in any thing that concerns me."

"And for what reason?" cried a young ensign, who thought he saw now the moment to force La Croix to fight.

"Because," replied the lieutenant scornfully, "I like him not."

At these words La Croix fixed his eyes upon Valmont with a look of fierceness which was almost immediately succeeded by a look of sorrow. He was evidently on the point of breaking out; but constraining himself by a strong effort, he quitted the coffee house without speaking, and from that day entered it no more.

"O the poltroon!" said Valmont, looking after him, "there's no provoking him to draw his sword."

"It is singular enough," cried the young ensign who tried to draw him into a quarrel, by the insidious question he put to Valmont, "for he is certainly no coward!"

"How, no coward! a fellow that puts up with every insult in not a coward! You joke."

"No, faith, I do not, and if you had seen him look, when you told him so plumply that you did not like him, you would agree with me that he must be brave at bottom." Valmont replied only by a look of incredulity, and the conversation dropped.

Although the amiable deportment of La Croix had failed to conciliate the minds of his comrades, they had gained him the good will of the majority of the town, to whom his situation and the respectability of his birth and connections had introduced him. Among those who showed him particular marks of attention, was General Bellegrade, who was a veteran officer, who had known his father, and who invited him to consider his house as his own. This acquaintance was extremely agreeable to the young man; the general had an amiable wife and two charming daughters, with whom he soon found himself domesticated; and they, on their part, were so well pleased with him, that the veteran said to him one day, with the frankness of a soldier, "we look upon you already as one of ourselves."

These words delighted La Croix, on whom the charms of Eugenie, the second daughter, had made a very strong impression. He opened his heart to the general, and had the satisfaction to hear, that if he could make himself agreeable to the lady, he had nothing to fear from her parents, the consent of his own being understood.

The notice taken of La Croix by the general, of the town, and above all, by the consideration which he enjoyed in the Bellegrade family, were a fresh cause of irritation to his enemies; he was, however, so punctual in the discharge of his duties, and so much upon his guard, that some weeks elapsed without their being able to draw him into a quarrel; at last the opportunity presented itself.

A squadron of hussars, with whom the regiment had sometime before been in garrison at the frontiers, came to share their quarters in Provence. The officers of La Croix's regiment invited the others to a dinner at their mess; La Croix was one of the company; and the cavalry officers who were not blinded by prejudice, were delighted with his frank and social manners. The applause given to his lively sallies, and the laughter which his bon mots excited, provoked some of his most inveterate enemies to turn him into ridicule. But he replied with so much good humored drollery, and turned the laugh against them in a manner at once so clever and so free from asperity, that they could find no fair pretence to insult him. The officers of the hussars shook him heartily by the hand, and showed so much admiration of his conduct, that Valmont's anger was increased to the highest pitch.

"What, St. Maur!" cried he abruptly, addressing one who seemed the most delighted with young La Croix, "you, who have gained your epaulettes at the point of the sword, you, who have so many honorable wounds, as testimonials of your services, can you suffer yourself to be dazzled by the frothy nothings of a man who owes his promotion to favor alone?"

"How!" cried St. Maur, briskly drawing back his chair, which was close to that of La Croix, "is it really possible that you belong to a class which all brave men detest?"

"Yes, captain, it is unfortunately true, my commission is neither the meed of my services, nor the fruit of the suffrage of my companions. God knows how often I have regretted that it should be so, and impatiently I wait for an opportunity of proving to my comrades, that I am worthy to march with them under the glorious flag of my country."

"That is all very well for the future," said St. Maur coldly, "but it is nothing to the purpose at present. Valmont has insulted you, and there is but one way in which you can answer him."

"What?" added he more warmly, seeing that La Croix remained silent, "would you prize your self insensible to the honor of a Frenchman?"

"He is a coward!" said the lieutenant.

Without noticing this speech, La Croix said to St. Maur, "I should indeed protect myself insensible to honor, were I to commit a base action; but I defy the world to prove me guilty of one."

"What! do you not think it base to suffer yourself to be called a coward?"

"No; for if abuse dishonored a man, whose name could be sustained? The most illustrious patriots, the greatest heroes might then be dishonored by the folly of the drunkard, or the infamous language of the blackguard."

"Ah! pshaw! all this sort of abstract reasoning does very well in the discussions of philosophers, or the writings of moralists; but we learn a different lesson in the school of honor. In a word, our creed is, that an insult leaves a stain which can only be effaced by the blood of the insulted. Such has always been the custom of the army, and he who enters it, must conform to its usages."

"I beg your pardon, this custom is not as ancient as you suppose; the Greeks and Romans—"

"What have we to do with them? The customs of France are the only customs which Frenchmen ought to follow; it is clear enough that you must fight your antagonist, or he must apologise to you, or—"

"I apologise?" cried Valmont, "never!"

"You must fight, then, M. La Croix, or quit the regiment."

"I hope to settle the affair without doing one or the other, by bringing back my comrade to sentiments more just to me, and more honorable to himself."

He turned to the door, but Valmont called to him in an imperious tone, "before you go, sir, I expect that you will name the place and hour where you will meet me to-morrow to decide our difference."

"M. Valmont, I know you to be a brave man, and I would willingly think you an honorable man; take, then, I request you, three days to reflect on this subject; to ask yourself coolly and dispassionately, how far this thirst for the blood of a man who never injured you, is consistent with true honor. I hope at the end of that time to find you in a more just way of thinking, and that you will assist me to convince these gentlemen that it is not necessary to shed blood because a word has been dropped inconsiderately."

At these words, cries of indignation resounded from all present, and La Croix left the room, while they were swearing that he should fight or quit the regiment.

The slights which they had before treated him, were nothing to the insolent contempt they showed him during the three following days, and the patience with which he supported it, appeared, in their eyes, a meanness that nothing could satisfy. The general had been immediately informed of what had passed, and full of the prejudices of the military profession, he remonstrated with him in the strongest terms upon his conduct, and ended by forbidding him his house.

La Croix was forbidden to see or write to him; but for the first and only time, the gentle girl disobeyed the will of her parent, by conveying a line to La Croix expressive of the approbation of his conduct, and of her hope that heaven would give him strength of mind to persevere in it. His heart swelled with a mingled sensation of pleasure and pain, as he read this letter. "Yes, dearest Eugenie," cried he, "you, and you alone, understand me; and in your approbation of my conduct, I could find a balm for the unjust scorn with which I am treated; but alas! how long shall I be able to preserve that approbation so precious to my heart! how long shall I be able to defend myself against the commission of a crime at which I shudder!"

When the three days were expired, he entered the coffee house at the moment that all the officers were assembled. "M. Valmont," said he, addressing his antagonist, "I hope that I now find you in a disposition to appreciate more justly the motives of my conduct. I am satisfied that, in your heart you acquit me of cowardice; but I frankly avow, that a duel inspires me with horror, and never will I willingly raise my arm against the enemies of my country. I do not ask you for any apology, I am willing to bury the past in oblivion; accept my hand and let us be friends."

"I never shall be friends with a man who acts like a poltroon."

"Then I must fight?"

"To be sure you must," cried all the officers at once.

"Very well, then let our difference be decided to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock, in presence of three officers of our corps, and three of the hussars. As the party challenged, I ought to have choice of the weapons; but I waive it."

"If I am to name them, I say swords."

Valmont smiled with a peculiar expression in making any observation.

"So, then," cried St. Maur, "we have at last provoked this pretty gentleman to run the chance of being let blood."

"I think," said another of the officers, "it is doubtful, after all."

"No," cried Valmont, "whatever strange notions the fellow has got into his head, I do firmly believe he is no coward. The tone of his voice, and the firmness of his look, assure me of his courage; and I should be almost sorry to have need him as I have done, if I did not consider that after all, he will have an equal chance with myself for his life."

"Provi-ai," cried one of the officers drily, "he is as good as a swordsmen." Valmont reddened, but made no reply.

The following morning, the lieutenant and the officers were on the ground exactly at the appointed time, where, in less than two minutes, he was joined by La Croix, who took a letter from his pocket, and presented it to St. Maur, requesting that, if he fell, it might be given to General Bellegrade. The combat then began. Valmont was an excellent swordsman, but he soon found that he had to do with his master. At first he fought with great temper, but soon abandoning himself to the fury of resentment, he made the most desperate passes, and left himself so open to his adversary, that La Croix might repeatedly have taken his life; but it was evident that he acted merely on the defensive, and avoided even wounding him.

"Let us have done with this child's play," said the enraged Valmont at last; "you knew what you were about when you agreed to fight with swords; but if you are not bent to every sentiment of true honor, give me a fair chance, and let us take pistols."

La Croix looked at him with horror: "O my God!" cried he, "how much more barbarous is man, under the influence of blind rage, than the most savage of animals! Yes, still thirst for my blood. Well, then, unjust man, satisfy yourself if you can."

Pistols were produced; they tossed up for the first fire; the chance fell to Valmont; he fired and missed. La Croix turned round, and taking direct aim at a tree thirty paces distant, lodged the bullet in its breast high.

A cry of mingled astonishment and admiration burst forth from all the officers. "Sdeath," cried Valmont, "this is not to be borne; I will not receive my life at your hands; I insist upon your firing."

"Be satisfied, M. Valmont; you have succeeded in bringing me into the field, heaven knows, against my will; but I entered it with a determination not to raise my hand against your life; me to break my resolution."

Overcome by these words, Valmont stammered out, "I am to blame."

"But I more so," cried La Croix, interrupting him; "I ought not to have suffered any provocation to draw me into an action so contrary to my principles. Thus you have lowered me in my own eyes, and I am determined to have my revenge; for I swear to you that, from this moment, I shall not cease to seek your friendship, till I compel you to grant it to me."

"It is yours already," cried the subdued Valmont; "yes, La Croix, the promise of your friendship is the only thing that could reconcile me to injustice, the barbarity of my conduct to you—been unworthy of a gentleman and soldier, and for which I sincerely ask your pardon."

It was granted with a hearty shake of the hand. The other officers flocked around La Croix, eager to solicit his friendship, and prevail on him to be present at an entertainment which they determined to give in his honor. He would have declined this public acknowledgement of pressing to be refused; he agreed to accept it, and they all returned amicably to the parade together.

The subsequent conduct of Valmont proved that he was not unworthy of the generous forgiveness he had received. He published every where the particulars of the rencontre, and gave to his antagonist all the merit which was so justly his due. The old General was delighted; he declared that the nuptials of his daughter and La Croix should be celebrated the moment the consent of his father was obtained.

"Ah!" cried Eugenie, extending her hand to La Croix, "heaven be praised that thou art safe! I will not reproach thee, but yet—"

"But yet I should have done better not to have met him; is not that what you were going to say?"

"Yes."

"Foolish girl!" said the General, frowning.

"No," cried La Croix, "she is right. I have but half acquitted myself to my conscience; it may prove himself possessed of true courage."

POLITICAL.

[From the Southern (Ga.) Banner.]

GOVERNOR WILSON LUMPKIN.

We are indebted to this gentleman for a letter on the Presidential question, which will be found in a subsequent column. It is a calm appeal to the people of the State against forming a connection with Northern Whiggery; and is full of sound reasoning and solid argument. Will citizens of Georgia listen to the voice of one who has always been their friend; whose capacity to judge is admitted; whose honesty is unimpeachable; and who has no motive to deceive them?

WASHINGTON, May 9th, 1840.

DEAR SIR:—To relieve myself from the daily labor of answering letters addressed to me from my friends and fellow-citizens, on subjects connected with the Presidential canvass now going on, I submit to you for publication a few brief remarks.

I confess it has been with regret and surprise, that I have discovered that any portion of any political party in Georgia, should be found co-operating with the Federalist and Abolitionist, to promote the election of General Harrison to the Presidency. All parties in Georgia, as late as the December last, stood pledged against the promotion of General Harrison to the Chief Magistracy. And all the events which have since transpired, it would seem to increase the opposition of His being forced upon the individual, by the Federalists and Abolitionists of the North.

Mr. Clay and all others, in preference to raise him in the estimation of the South. To see political men, who have long been the leaders of a powerful and talented political party in Georgia, raise up at this late day, and promulgate to the world, as an apology for their sudden change in favor of General Harrison—that they had heretofore been ignorant of his public character and distinguished merits, which now, in their estimation, entitled him to the Presidency; or admit that their opposition heretofore had been unjustly based on mere prejudice, must be considered a humiliating apology, to all such as aspire to the leadership of a great political party. And, if reasons more valid exist, for this sudden change of position, I have not seen them presented. I have neither time nor disposition to become the biographer of General Harrison or Mr. Van Buren. I am, however, familiar with the views of these gentlemen; and my personal acquaintance with both afford me some additional aid in claims to this high official distinction.

Upwards of twenty years ago, I served in Congress with General Harrison, and being a boarder under the same roof, had the usual opportunity afforded under such circumstances, of knowing General Harrison, as he was, when in the prime of his life.

As a young man, I was acquainted with him, and was so disposed, how could he,

intellectual manhood. My personal acquaintance with Mr. Van Buren is more limited—being chiefly confined to the last three years' intercourse, which has grown out of my present position. I consider the difference in the general character and qualifications of these two individuals for the station under consideration, immeasurable. Mr. Van Buren's talents, character, deportment and qualifications, will secure to him the highest respect and consideration, in any official station whatever. On the contrary, General Harrison can sustain himself no where, in high political life, been attached to the well known, General Harrison's political associations have been chiefly with the Federal party, and judging from his public life, I entertain no doubt of his strong attachment to that party and its principles. As far as I have been able to examine the subject, I consider the General wholly destitute of fixed political opinions. I consider him a politician of the expediency, or general welfare school, ready to do any thing which he may consider absolutely necessary to the general welfare of the country. Hence it is, that he is the favorite candidate for the Presidency, of such a variety of conflicting elements. He is *clay* in the hands of the potter, or rather in the hands of Whig combination. He suits the views of the Abolitionists, the high tariffites, the Bank government party, &c. &c.

Should he succeed to the Presidency, I can form no reasonable conjecture what he would or would not do, except from a survey and consideration of the material upon which his administration must necessarily be based. And none, I conclude, will deny that an overwhelming portion of that material, are diametrically opposed to the principles and policy of the great body of the Republicans of the South. On the other hand, the recorded acts, the principles and policy of Mr. Van Buren's whole political life, justify the assertion, that the Jeffersonian Republicans of the South may safely confide in Martin Van Buren. Every consideration of patriotism, consistency, and self-respect, secures the fidelity of Mr. Van Buren to the great and leading principles of the Republicans of the South. How then, I would respectfully ask, can any Southern man, under existing circumstances, desire to change Mr. Van Buren for General Harrison? The most violent opposition to the present Administration, is based on the charge of its coincidence of views, with the Southern Democrats and State Rights Republicans. In other words, that the President is "a Northern man, with Southern principles." Shall we of the South, under these circumstances, prefer the candidate of the Federalists and Abolitionists to our own Republican President? I trust not. I think not.

As regards the claims of the rival candidates for the responsible and elevated office under consideration, I refer to claims founded on public service. I have no hesitancy in saying, that a fair and just comparison would greatly preponderate in favor of Mr. Van Buren. But I shall not enter upon that investigation or comparison; because I disavow the doctrine, or principle, that the offices of our Republic are to be bestowed on any man, as a reward of gratitude of past services, *irrespective of the public interest.* Such doctrine would tend to jeopardize the best interests of the country, and create demands in favor of individuals, incompatible with my views of the principles of our institutions. The only legitimate object in creating or filling office, is that of promoting the public interest. There should be no superfluous office under our Government; and all offices ought to be filled by those who will best discharge the duties which devolve on the office. Our elective system of Government wisely affords the opportunity to the people, for a precedent salutary exercise of the valuable principle of rotation in office. No occupant of office has any just claims to re-election or continuance in office, merely to promote his interest or wishes. The incumbent has no just claims to re-election, which are not based upon the public interest. Office always affords a fair opportunity to the incumbent to develop his ability and fidelity to the public interest; and by that test the decision should invariably be made. It is right and laudable in a public man to desire public favor and approbation, and he should seek it by faithful and honest service.

But the people should scrutinize and distinguish between actual service, and mere pretence and deception. True as it may be to express it, yet "actions speak louder than words;" and the quality of the tree is best known by its fruit. And by the test thus laid down, I have exercised my best judgement in making up my opinions in regard to the Presidential candidates. The result is, I ardently desire the re-election of Mr. Van Buren, because I believe the best interests of our country, and the perpetuation of our good institutions, demand it.

The election of General Harrison to the Presidency at this time, would, in my opinion, be the greatest calamity which has yet befallen our country in the way of selection of a Chief Magistrate. Admitting the patriotism and good intentions of General Harrison, yet I consider him wholly deficient in political principles and qualifications to administer this great Government to the interest of the people. My only hope for the prosperity and perpetuation of our Republic, is in a strict and rigid adherence to the letter and spirit of our written Constitution.

However patriotic and pure may the motive to promote the "general welfare," by an infringement upon the Constitution, every such breach jeopardizes the liberty of the people, and weakens the bonds of the Federal Union. If General Harrison had the admitted ability of a Webster or Clay, (and was so disposed,) how could he,

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POETRY.

"Let Me."

I never on that lip for a moment have gazed
But a thousand temptations beset me;
And I've thought, as the dear little rubies you raised,
How delightful 'twould be—if you'd let me.

Then be not so angry for what I have done,
Nor say that you've sworn to forget me;
They were buds of temptation too pouting to shun,
And I thought you could not but—let me.

When your lip with a whisper came close to my cheek,
O! think how bewitching it met me;
And plain as the eye of a Venus could speak,
Your eye seemed to say you would—let me.

Then forgive the transgression, and bid me remain,
For, in truth, if I go, you'll regret me;
Then, oh, let me try the transgression again,
And I'll do all you wish—if you let me.

Answer—I'll Let You.

If a kiss be delightful, so tempting my lips,
That a thousand soft wishes beset you,
I vow by the nectar that Jupiter sips,
On certain conditions—I'll let you.

If you swear by the charms that you'll ever be true,
And that no other maid shall get you,
By the stars that roll round your summit of blue,
Perhaps, sir, perhaps, sir—I'll let you.

If not urged by a passion as fleeting as wild
That makes all the virtues forget you,
But affection unsullied, soft, fervent, and mild,
You ask'd for a kiss, then—I'll let you.

HINT TO FARMERS.—It is much to be wished that our farmers were more desirous to possess good, fertile, productive farms, than large farms. If farmers in our country, instead of increasing the number of their acres, would bestow more care and expense in cultivating, in the best possible manner, every acre they already possess, they would live easier, and become richer and happier also. It has often been remarked, especially by those who have traveled abroad, that the great fault of our American farmers, lies in their eager desire to add field to field, which often impoverishes them, keeps them in debt, and renders them unable to bring any of their land into the highest and most profitable state of cultivation.

The advice of Deane Swift should be treasured up by every good farmer. This distinguished man said, "Whoever can make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass grow up on a spot of ground where only one grew before, deserves better of mankind, and does more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together."—*Mercantile Journal.*

ANECDOTE OF PATRICK HENRY.—When the celebrated Patrick Henry, of Virginia, was near the close of his life and in feeble health, he laid his hand on the Bible, and addressing an old friend who was with him—"Here is a book," said he, "worth more than all others ever printed; yet it is my misfortune never to have read it with proper attention and feeling, till lately! About the same time, he wrote his daughter—"I heard it is said the *Deists* have claimed me! The thought gave me more pain than the appellation of *Tory*! For I consider religion of infinitely higher importance than politics; and I find much cause to reproach myself, that I have lived so long and given no decided and public proof of my being a Christian."

PRESENCE OF MIND.—If you should happen to meet with an accident at the table, endeavor to preserve your composure, and do not add to the discomfort you have created by making an unnecessary fuss about it. I remember hearing it told of a very accomplished gentleman, that when carving a very tough goose he had the misfortune to send it entirely out of the dish into the lap of the lady next to him, on which he looked her full in the face and said, "Ma'am, I will thank you for that goose." This manner of bearing such a mortifying accident gained him more credit than he lost by his awkward carving.

OVERCOMING PREJUDICES.—The most difficult of all the innovations introduced by the Pacha of Egypt, was the dissection of human bodies in teaching surgery. The priesthood firmly refused to sanction such a violation of the laws of the prophet. The Pacha told them that, in his opinion, dissection was perfectly proper, and that their own bodies should furnish the first examples, unless they speedily came into his views. The argument was inevitable; the priests were convinced.

Single Bugs.—A lodging house was very much one night, told the landlady so in the morning, when she said, "La, sir, we have not a single bug in the house." "No, ma'am," said he, "they are all married and have large families too."

HARD CIDER.—The Boston Post says:—"Hard Cider" is the most appropriate motto for the federal factions. It is a perfect emblem of all their arguments—being made by "grinding" and "pressure."

The feds of this city, finding that the hard cider meetings are no go, now advertise a tea party, to be held on Fort Hill, on Friday evening next. What next?—*Bay State Dem.*

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Augusta, June 21, 1840.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all claims upon the State, now due and for which Warrants of Scrip are now outstanding will be paid on presentation as follows:—those held in the County of York—to the Manufacturers Bank—Saco.

" " of Cumberland—to Jas. B. Cahoon, Esq.—Portland.

" " Southern part of Oxford—to same do. do.

Northern part of do—to the Treasurer at Augusta.

In the County of Penobscot—to " " at the Bangor House, on Tuesday the 30th of June.

" " of Piscataquis—to the Treasurer at the Bangor House, on Tuesday the 30th of June.

" " of Waldo—to the Treasurer at Belfast on Thursday the 2d of July.

All other Counties will be paid at the Treasury on and after the 30th day of June inst.

D. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

WHEREAS John Purinton, of Portland, in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine, has filed in the County of Maine, June 19, 1839, a mortgage recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, Book 42, page 70; said mortgage was transferred and assigned to John B. Stowell, said parties, and recorded in the Oxford Registry, Book 44, pages 254 & 255, March 7, 1834; then the said mortgage was transferred and assigned to me on the fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1834. The above mortgaged property is situated in the Village of Paris, Cape containing seventy-four acres more or less. For further description reference may be made to Records. Whereas the conditions of the same have been broken the said John Purinton claims to foreclose the above mentioned mortgage, agreeable to an act additional to act respecting mortgages and the right in equity of redemption, approved March 20, 1833.

JOHN PURINTON.

Portland, June 19, 1840. 3w46

Sheriff's Sale.

TAKEN on execution and will be sold at Public Auction on Monday, the 20th day of July next, at four o'clock P. M., at the Inn of Ezra J. said decedent, in said County of Oxford, all the right in equity which Breed Blanchard had on the thirtieth day of April last, to redeem the lot of land, and buildings thereon, situated in said Canton, and being the farm on which the said Breed Blanchard now lives. Further particulars made known at the time of sale.

LEE STRICKLAND Dept. Sh. T.

June 18, 1840. 3w46

NOTICE.—As Hannah Jordan, a pauper, has absconded from the Almshouse in Norway, where she has been sufficient for her support; it is hereby notified that all persons harboring or trusting her on account of the town, as the town will pay no debts of her contracting.

SAMUEL COBB, } Overseer of the town
ANSEL TOWN } Poor of the town
BRACKETT MARSTON. } of Norway.
Norway, June 25, 1840. 3w46

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Executor of the last Will and Testament of

ELEAZER BRYANT,

late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs.—He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate, to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the same to

THOMAS KNOX,

late of Livermore, in the County of Oxford, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs.—He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate, to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the same to

LYDIA KNOX,

Livermore, June 23, 1840. 3w46

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MERCY MERRITT,

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STEPHEN PINGREE,

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WM. PINGREE,

Norway, June 23, 1840. 3w46

ON the petition of JOHN JAMESON, administrator on the estate of Daniel W. Ellis, late of Fryeburg, in said County of Oxford, representing that the personal estate of said decedent is not sufficient to pay the just debts, which he owed at the time of his death by the sum of three dollars, and praying for a license to sell and convey the whole of the real estate of said decedent, as a partial sale thereof would injure the residue, for the payment of said debts and incidental charges:

Ordered.—That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Fryeburg, in said County, on the fourth day of August next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

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The blood, in this case, as well as in all other appearances of disease, fights against these impurities, and carries them to the capillary vessels in order to cause an eruption and thus to throw out these humors. This is the second period.

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